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For : STRING TENSIONING DEVICE FOR A STRING INSTRUMENT

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 23313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the instant application.

- (1) DE 101 32 643 is discussed on paragraph [0003] of the specification; and
- (2) WO 00/25296 is discussed on paragraph [0025] of the specification.

Applicant also submits herewith the following documents:

- (3) US 6,624,347;
- (4) US 2,813,448;
- (5) US 3,830,132;
- (6) US 4,497,236;

(7) US 4,674,387; and

(8) US 4,724,737.

Copies of the above-listed documents (3) - (8) are not enclosed herein since these documents are US patents, and because the instant application was filed after June 30, 2003. Applicant notes that Rule 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) has been waived by the USPTO for US patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003. However, copies of documents (1) and (2) are provided herein because these documents foreign patent documents and/or non-patent literature. Moreover, a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing documents (1) - (8) is being provided. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form with the first official communication.

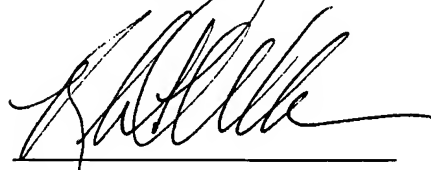
Applicants note that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the instant application. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(1).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

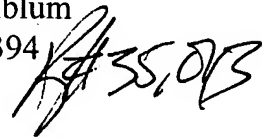
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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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